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SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

-- Jacobo Timerman has become a symbol of the struggle to vindicate human rights in Argentina. His steadfast courage during his long ordeal has won him the admiration of countless Americans.

-- Our Government has taken a strong interest in Mr. Timerman's case since the time of his arrest. The President raised his case with President Videla during the latter's visit to the U.S. in 1977. Secretary Vance did the same during his visit to Buenos Aires in November of 1977. Other high-ranking Department of State officials have made similar approaches to the Argentine Government during visits to Argentina, and Ambassador Castro and the U.S. Embassy staff have made numerous representations on Mr. Timerman's behalf.

-- We shall continue to make representations to the Argentine Government at all levels to release Mr. Timerman and permit him to leave the country. We will continue to make clear to the Argentines that his case is a major element of concern in our relations and that his early release would have a favorable impact in United States official and public circles.

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

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☒ Release ☐ Excise ☐ Deny

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